GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR&RD Department - Allegations of irregularities in execution of the work "Road from Thondangi to T.Venkatapuram of Thondangi Mandal of erstwhile East Godavari District" taken up by Panchayat Raj Department under AP Disaster Recovery Project Grant – Disciplinary proceedings against Sri V.M. Srinivas, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PIU Sub- Division, Kathipudi (now retired) and (3) others under Rule- 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 read with Rule 9 of APRPs, 1980 – Charges framed - Written Statements of Defence submitted - Appointment of Inquiry Authority and Presenting Officer under Sub-rule (2) and (5)(c) of Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991- Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 491 Dated: 03-09-2024

Read the following:

1. G.O.Rt.No.739 PR&RD(Vig.I)Dept., Dated:03.11.2023.
2. G.O.Rt.No.740,741, 742 & 743 PR&RD(Vig.I)Dept., Dt:03.11.2023.
3. G.O.Ms.No.82, 83 & 84 PR&RD(Vig.I) Dept., Dated:03.11.2023.
4. From ENC, PR, Lr.No.Vig.II/862/2023, Dated:02.4.2024 together with WSD of Sri N. Nageswara Rao, AEE, PIU, SD, Kathipudi, Dated:27.12.2023.
5. From ENC, PR, Lr.No.Vig.II/862/2023, Dated: 07.08.2024 together with dated acknowledgments & A.P. Gazettee Part-II Extraordinary dated:05.08.2024.

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ORDER:

On the allegations of irregularities in execution of the work "Road from Thondangi to T.Venkatapuram of Thondangi Mandal of erstwhile East Godavari District" taken up by Panchayat Raj Department under AP Disaster Recovery Project Grant, Government in the G.O 3rd read above, have accorded sanction under Rule 9(2)(b) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for institution of disciplinary proceedings against the following (3) retired P.R. Engineering Personnel viz., (1)Sri V.M. Srinivas, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PIU Sub- Division, Kathipudi (now retired), (2) Sri R.Ch. Sesha Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer, PIU Sub-Division, Kathipudi (now retired), (3)Sri K.V.B. Rama Rao, the then Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Kakinada (now retired).

2. Simultaneously, vide reference 1st read above, Government have instituted common disciplinary proceedings under Rule 24 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against the (4) Panchayat Raj Engineering Personnel viz., (1)Sri V.M. Srinivas, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PIU Sub- Division, Kathipudi (now retired), (2) Sri R.Ch. Sesha Rao, Assistant Executive-Engineer, PIU Sub-Division, Kathipudi (now retired), (3)Sri K.V.B. Rama Rao, the then Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Kakinada (now retired) (4) Sri N.Nageswara Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer PIU Sub- Division, Kathipudi and presently working as MEO, MPP, Prathipadu, Kakinada district duly framing charges against them under Rule- 20 of above said Rules vide reference 2nd read above with a direction to submit their written statements of defence respectively.

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3. In the reference 4th read above, the Engineer-In-Chief, PR, has submitted the Written Statement of Defence in respect of Charged Officer- 4 Sri N.Nageswara Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer PIU Sub- Division, Kathipudi and presently working as MEO, MPP, Prathipadu, Kakinada and he has denied the charge. In the reference 5th read above, submitted the dated acknowledgements of service of the charges framed against (1)Sri V.M. Srinivas, the then DEE, PIU SD, Kathipudi, retired (CO-1) and (2) Sri R.Ch. Sesha Rao, the then AEE, PIU, SD, Kathipudi, retired (CO-2). He has also furnished the Gazette notification published in A.P. Gazette Part-II Extraordinary dated 5.8.2024 in respect of (CO-3) Sri K.V.B. Rama Rao, former, EE, PIU Sub-Division, Kathipudi (now retired), as the said charge G.O was sent to his address, but the same was returned by the postal department stating that "addressee undelivered". Hence, the same was published in A.P. Gazette on 5.8.2024.

4. After examination of the matter, Government have decided that the Charged Officers-1, 2 & 3 have no explanations to officer, since stipulated time of 10 days has been elapsed and to conduct enquiry against all the (4) Charged Officers under Rule 20(2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

5. Now, therefore, the Government in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991, hereby appoint the Chief Engineer-I, Panchayat Raj, O/o Engineer-In-Chief, PR, Vijayawada as Inquiry Authority to inquire into the charges framed against all the (4) Charged Officers indicated under Para (2) above.

6. Government also hereby appoint the Superintending Engineer, PR, Kakinada District as the Presenting Officer to present the case on behalf of the Government in support of the Article of Charge framed against all the Charged Officers indicated under Para (2) above before the Inquiry Authority on behalf of the Government under Rule 20(5)(c) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

7. The Presenting Officer shall acquaint himself with the facts of the case and present the case before the Inquiry Authority effectively. He is also requested to obtain and produce documents if any required by the Inquiry Authority during the course of enquiry without referring the matter to the Government.

8. The Inquiry Authority is requested to conduct Inquiry strictly in terms of rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (classification, control and appeal) Rules, 1991 and submit report as required under (18) (ii) of the above said Rules. Copies of Charge Memoranda issued to the Charged Officers are herewith furnished to the Inquiry Authority as required under rule 20 (7) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (classification, control and appeal) Rules, 1991.

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Chief Engineer-I, PR, O/o ENC, PR, Vijayawada & Inquiry Officer (w.e)
The Superintending Engineer, PR, Kakinada& Presenting Officer (w.e)
(1) Sri V.M.Srinivas, the then DEE, PIU, SD, Kathipudi (Retd).
(2) Sri R.Ch. Sesha Rao, AEE, PIU, SD, Kathipudi (Retd).

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(3) Sri K.V.B. Rama Rao, the then EE, PIU, Division, Kakinada (Retd)
(4) Sri N.Nageswara Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer PIU Sub- Division, Kathipudi and presently working as MEO, MPP, Prathipadu, Kakinada district.
Copy to:
The Engineer-In-Chief, PR, Vijayawada – (with a request to serve the order to CO-1 to CO-4 and returned the dated acknowledgements)
Sf/Sc.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER